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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakajima (US6556768).

Regarding claims 1 and 2, Nakajima shows a digital video and audio storing and playing device (41) shown in fig.4, which has:

- A video and audio storing unit shown in fig.1 as a memory card (1) (col.7 ll.39-42) with a verification mechanism by way of the microcomputer (7) forming a judgment as to whether or not digital data is to be stored in the EEPROM unit (9) (col.8 ll.59-64).
- A semiconductor storage medium for storing digital data is shown in fig.1 as the EEPROM (9) (col.8 l.61)
- The semiconductor storage medium (9) is connected to a first control unit shown as a microcomputer (7) in fig. 1 (col.8 ll.18-27) with a verification mechanism (col.8 ll.59-64).

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- The semiconductor storage medium, EEPROM (9) and first control unit, microcomputer (7) are packaged as a single product, the memory card (1) as shown in fig.1
- In fig.2, Nakajima shows a semiconductor storage medium (29) and a first control unit (27) connected to an input/output interface via a communication line, which can be a data transfer bus (col.10 ll.19-21). In addition Nakajima teaches that a VTR, which contains the semiconductor storage medium and first control unit, can be connected to an input/output interface (shown as a satellite broadcast receiver) via a bus (col. 23 l.59-col.24 l.3).
- A decompressing and playing unit is shown in fig.2 as a reader/writer (21) (col.10 l.61-col.11 l.3) within the reader/writer is a demodulation circuit (25) that decompresses digital data and restores it to the original data for outputting (col.9 ll.42-45, col.10 ll.12-18)
- The demodulation circuit (25) is connected to a second control unit shown as a microcontroller (27) in fig.2
- The microcontroller (27) has a verification mechanism since a signal of only a predetermined level (the signal level must be verified) is supplied to the demodulation circuit
- The decompressing/playing unit is connected to an a data input/output interface through communication line (32), which can be a data bus

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- Fig.9 shows the memory card (1) the first data input/output interface shown as an antenna (22-2) connected to the second data input/output interface which is in the reader/writer (21)
- Nakajima addresses the issue of storing digital data to a storage medium in addition to addressing the practicality of such a device as stated in claim 2 (col.3 ll.54-61)

Regarding claims 3 and 4, as stated above, Nakajima teaches the use of a verification mechanism within the storing unit A video and audio storing unit shown in fig.1 as a memory card (1) (col.7 ll.39-42) with a verification mechanism by way of the microcomputer (7) forming a judgment as to whether or not digital data is to be stored in the EEPROM unit (9) (col.8 ll.59-64).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia M Duggins whose telephone number is (703)305-5621. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

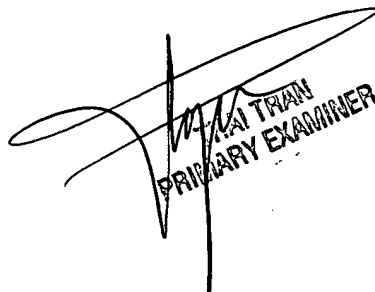
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (703) 305-4725. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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